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JERUSALEM FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLO, PFOR
SUBJECT: NO MAJOR MODIFICATIONS OF PALESTINE NATIONAL CHARTER
FORESEEN

1. DESPITE SPECULATION THAT FORTHCOMING PNC WOULD AMEND
PALESTINE NATIONAL CHARTER WHICH CALLS FOR EVENTUAL REPLACE-
MENT ISRAEL WITH "DEMOCRATIC SECULAR STATE," WE HAVE NO
INDICATIONS THAT THIS WILL BE THE CASE. DURING RECENT VISIT
OF CHRISTIAN-JEWISH GROUP UNDER SPONSORSHIP NATIONAL COUNCIL
CHURCHES OF CHRIST AND AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, QUESTION
OF SUCH MODIFICATION WAS RAISED WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR
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FOR AMERICAN AFFAIRS SHOEFI AND PLO REP KHATIB. BOTH
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PALESTINIANS LIKELY TO SETTLE FOR WEST BANK
GAZA STATE BUT INDICATED THEY DOUBTED ANY MAJOR CHANGES WOULD
BE MADE IN CHARTER. LOCAL JOURNALISTS AND ARAB DIPLOMATS HERE
WITH WHOM WE HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER ALSO SKEPTICAL THAT ANY
MAJOR CHANGES WOULD BE MADE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. WHILE CHARTER OUT OF STEP WITH RECENT PRONOUNCEMENTS BY MODERATE PLO LEADERS, FEELING SEEMS TO BE THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO AMEND CHARTER WOULD WIDEN EXISTING RIFTS FURTHER WITHIN ORGANIZATION WITHOUT PRODUCING ANY TANGIBLE BENEFITS. QUESTION OF RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL VIEWED AS MOST VALUABLE CARD PLO HAS TO PLAY IN SETTLEMENT PROCESS AND PALESTINIANS UNLIKELY TO USE IT WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT IT WOULD GET THEM IN RETURN.

3. EVEN SYRIAN PRESS WHICH FOR SOME TIME HAS BEEN NUDGING PLO TO MODERATE ITS POSITION RAN AN EDITORIAL FEB 9 IN AL-BAATH WHICH SEEMED TO GO ALONG WITH IDEA THAT ANY MAJOR CHANGES IN STATED PLO POLICY WOULD PREMATURELY PRODUCE DEEP DIVISIONS IN PLO RANKS AND PREDICTED THAT COUNCIL WOULD TRY TO KEEP SUCH DIVISIONS UNDER CONTROL.

4. COMMENT: BASED ON THESE INDICATIONS, IT IS OUR CURRENT ESTIMATE THAT PNC WILL PROBABLY MANDATE EXCOMM TO TAKE FAR-REACHING DECISIONS ON SUCH QUESTIONS AS PARTICIPATING IN PEACE TALKS AND FORMING GOVT-IN-EXILE BUT WILL BE CHARY ABOUT ATTEMPTING TO REFORMULATE CHARTER PROVISIONS DECIDED ON IN 1974 AND AT PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.
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